

1 CLAIM LISTING

2 1. (Original) A method including the steps of:

3 (a) matching a first set of game designations with a set of bingo card representations  
4 to produce a matched card set, the matched card set including a number of game  
5 play records with each game play record corresponding to a different one of the  
6 bingo card representations and including a result indicator indicating a result of  
7 the match between the first set of game designations and the respective bingo card  
8 representation;

9 (b) receiving a number of game play requests, each respective game play request  
10 being associated with a respective player and a respective bingo card  
11 representation from the set of bingo card representations; and

12 (c) for each game play request, assigning the respective player the game play record  
13 corresponding to the respective bingo card representation with which the  
14 respective player is associated.

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16 2. (Original) The method of claim 1 further including the steps of:

17 (a) assigning game play records from the matched card set until a game winning  
18 player holds a game play record corresponding to a matched bingo card  
19 representation having a game ending pattern; and

20 (b) withdrawing the matched card set from play in response to the assignment of the  
21 game play record corresponding to the matched bingo card representation having  
22 the game ending pattern.

1       3. (Original) The method of claim 1 further including the step of matching an additional  
2       game designation set with the set of bingo card representations to produce an additional  
3       matched card set, the additional matched card set including a number of respective  
4       additional game play records with each additional game play record corresponding to a  
5       different one of the bingo card representations and including a result indicator indicating  
6       a result of the match between the additional game designation set and the respective  
7       bingo card representation.

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9       4. (Original) The method of claim 3 further including the steps of:

10      (a) receiving an additional game play request associated with a given player who has  
11       already been assigned a respective game play record from the matched card set,  
12       the additional game play request also being associated with a respective bingo  
13       card representation from the set of bingo card representations; and  
14      (b) assigning the given player the additional game play record corresponding to the  
15       respective bingo card representation with which the given player is associated.

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17      5. (Original) The method of claim 3 further including the step of assigning additional game  
18       play records from the additional matched card set in response to a game play request  
19       which next follows a game play request for which is assigned a game ending game play  
20       record.

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1       6. (Original) The method of claim 3 further including the step of assigning game play  
2       records from the matched card set for a set period of time and then assigning additional  
3       game play records from the additional matched card set after that set period of time.

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5       7. (Original) The method of claim 1 further including the steps of:

6           (a) matching a number of additional game designation sets with the set of bingo card  
7       representations to produce a number of additional matched card sets, each  
8       additional matched card set including a number of respective additional game play  
9       records with each additional game play record in a given one of the additional  
10      matched cards sets corresponding to a different one of the bingo card  
11      representations and including a result indicator indicating a result of the match  
12      between the respective additional game designation set and the respective bingo  
13      card representation; and  
14           (b) storing each additional matched card set so that respective additional game  
15      records are available for assignment in response to a respective game play request.

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17       8. (Original) A program product stored on a computer readable medium, the program  
18      product including:

19           (a) matching program code for matching a first set of game designations with a set of  
20      bingo card representations to produce a matched card set, the matched card set  
21      including a number of game play records with each game play record  
22      corresponding to a different one of the bingo card representations and including a

result indicator indicating a result of the match between the first set of game designations and the respective bingo card representation; and game play assignment program code for assigning game play records from the matched card set, a respective game play record being assigned in response to a respective game play request, each respective game play request being associated with a respective player and a respective bingo card representation in the matched card set, and the respective game play record assigned for a respective game play request being assigned to the player associated with the bingo card representation with which the game play request is associated.

9. (Original) The program product of claim 8 further including:

- (a) game ending play monitoring program code for detecting when a player has been assigned a game play record corresponding to a matched bingo card representation having a game ending pattern; and
- (b) matched card set switching program code for switching to a different matched card set when the winning play monitoring program code detects that a player has been assigned the game play record corresponding to the matched bingo card representation having the game ending pattern.

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20 10. (Original) The program product of Claim 8 wherein the matching program code matches  
an additional game designation set with the set of bingo card representations to produce  
an additional matched card set, the additional matched card set including a number of  
respective additional game play records with each additional game play record

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corresponding to a different one of the bingo card representations and including a result indicator indicating a result of the match between the additional game designation set and the respective bingo card representation.

11. (Currently Amended) The program product of Claim 10 wherein the game play assignment program code responds to a game play request from a given player who as has been assigned a game play record from the matched card set by assigning the given player an additional game play record from the additional matched card set, the assigned additional game play record corresponding to the respective bingo card representation with which the given player is associated.

12. (Currently Amended) The program product of claim 11 wherein the game play assignment program code assigns a respective additional game play record from the additional matched card set in response to a game play request which next follows a game play request for which is assigned a game ending game play record from the matched card set.

13. (Original) The program product of claim 10 wherein the game play assignment program code assigns game play records from the matched card set for a set period of time and then assigns additional game play records from the additional matched card set after that set period of time.

1 14. (Currently Amended) A gaming system comprising:

2 (a) a number of player stations, each player station for enabling a player to initiate a  
3 game play request and for displaying results of a game play upon receipt of a  
4 game play record, each game play request initiated by a player station being  
5 associated with the initiating player and with a respective bingo card  
6 representation in a set of bingo card representations;

7 (b) a central processing system for storing a set of game play records, each game play  
8 record corresponding to a respective bingo card representation which has been  
9 matched to a first set of game designations, the central processing system also for  
10 assigning a respective game play record from the set of game play records to a  
11 player in response to a game play request initiated by the respective player at one  
12 of the player stations, the respective game play record assigned to the player being  
13 the game play record corresponding to the bingo card representation that is  
14 associated with that player; and

15 (c) a communications system operatively connected to the central processing system  
16 and to each of the player stations for facilitating communications between the  
17 central processing system and each player station.

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19 15. (Original) The gaming system of claim 14 wherein:

20 (a) the central processing system stores a number of additional sets of game play  
21 records, each game play record in a respective additional set of game play records  
22 corresponding to a respective one of the bingo card representations which has  
23 been matched to an additional set of game designations; and

(b) the central processing system also assigns a respective game play record from one of the additional sets of game play records to a player in response to a game play request initiated by the respective player at a respective one of the player stations, the respective game play record assigned to the player from the additional set of game play records being the game play record in that additional set corresponding to the bingo card representation that is associated with that player.

16. (Currently Amended) The gaming system of claim [[16]] 14 wherein the matched card set includes a game ending game play record corresponding to a bingo card representation from the set of bingo card representations and wherein the central processing system withdraws the matched card set from play in response to the assignment of the game ending game play record.

17. (Original) The gaming system of claim 14 further including a gaming floor component for directing a bingo card request to the central processing system in response to a bingo card request input entered for a respective player, and wherein the central processing system responds to the bingo card request by associating a respective bingo card representation from the bingo card representation set with the respective player for whom the bingo card request input was entered.

18. (Original) The gaming system of claim 17 wherein the gaming floor component comprises one of the player stations.

- 1 19. (Original) The gaming system of claim 17 further including a point of sale terminal
- 2       distinct from the player stations and wherein the gaming floor component comprises the
- 3       point of sale terminal.
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- 5 20. (Original) The gaming system of claim 14 wherein the central processing system is also
- 6       for maintaining a database correlating each of a number of respective players to one or
- 7       more bingo card representations with which the respective player is associated.